

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figure 1 in the manner as proposed in the "Replacement Sheet" attached hereto which properly designates the figure as "Prior Art".

Please add new Figures 6-8 as proposed in the several drawing sheets each labeled in the top margin as "New Sheet" attached hereto.

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REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-26 are pending in this patent application.

In the present Office Action dated June 30, 2006, the Examiner first objected to Fig. 1 as not being properly designated as "Prior Art". A proposed Replacement sheet is being added to reflect that Figure 1 depicts the current state of the art. Further in the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Figures under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In response, new drawing sheets labeled "New Sheets" in the top margin are being submitted including new Figures 6-8 to properly illustrate the subject matter of the inventive methods claimed in the present invention, e.g., Claims 1, 10 and 15, as amended. Respectfully, no new matter is being added as original support is found in the specification and claims as originally filed. In view of the additional drawings, applicants further amend the specification on pages 4 (Brief Description of the Drawings) and on page 8 (Detailed Description of the Invention) to reflect the addition of the new drawing sheets containing new Figures 6-8.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to remove the objections to the drawings in view of the added drawing Figures 6-8 on the "new Sheets" attached hereto.

In the Office Action, Claims 4, 10, 15, 23 and 24 were further objected to as comprising various informalities. In response, for example, applicants have amended Claims 4, 10 and 24 to provide proper antecedent basis for recitations objected to by the Examiner, and have further amended Claims 15 and 23 to remove allegedly unclear recitations as originally set forth in these

claims. The Examiner is respectfully requested to remove the objections to the Claims 4, 10, 15, 23 and 24 in view of the amendments provided.

The Examiner did indicate that Claims 1-26 were allowable for which the Examiner is respectfully thanked.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments herein, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance be issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with the Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned, Applicants' attorney, at the following telephone number: (516) 742-4343.

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